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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: HUMAN KCNQ5 POTASSIUM CHANNEL, METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed November 17, 2003 having a term that expires on February 17, 2004. This paper is, therefore, timely filed.

Applicants submit that the following amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and the application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and remarks that follow.